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I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement by H.E. Mr. Leonid Kuchma, the President of Ukraine, dated 22 November 1995 concerning the initialling of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

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Statement by the President of Ukraine

Ukraine welcomed with great satisfaction the news of the initialling on 21 November 1995 at Dayton, in the United States of America, of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the annexes thereto by the Presidents of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Croatia.

This event was the culmination of four years of intense diplomatic efforts by the United Nations, other influential international organizations and individual countries, including Ukraine, to find a formula for reconciliation that would be acceptable to all the parties to the conflict.

In congratulating those who participated in the negotiations, I should also give credit to the members of the Contact Group for promoting the achievement of positive agreements. I should like to note the special role of the United States of America in this process.

I urge the leaders of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Croatia to do everything in their power to implement all the provisions of the General Framework Agreement, which establishes a reliable basis for ultimately settling the conflict and establishing a comprehensive and durable peace in the Balkans. This goal can only be achieved if intensive negotiations continue and the desire for peace is reinforced by the concrete actions of all those involved.

Ukraine declares its readiness to participate directly in the practical fulfilment of the Peace Agreement, and to revitalize and reconstruct the countries of the former Yugoslavia in the wake of the conflict.

The initialling of the Agreement opens the way for the termination of the economic sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, which is an integral part of the Agreements concluded at Dayton. I hope that the United Nations Security Council will urgently consider and adopt a set of relevant resolutions on this question.

Ukraine is of the view that the complete termination of the sanctions against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the full entry of the latter into the international community will represent an important guarantee of peace and stability in the region and a reinforcement of security in Europe.

Kiev, 22 November 1995